

# Humboldt County Board of Education

901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501

Sequoia Conference Center

June 6, 2022 – Adjourned Meeting from May 18, 2022

3:00 PM

Minutes

## 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE**

President McMahon called the meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 3:04 pm with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Loretta Eckenrode, Thom McMahon, Sheila Rocker Heppe, Robert Siekmann

ABSENT: Mary Scott

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Colby Smart, Corey Weber, Katie Cavanagh, Jenny Bowen, Rosie Slentz, Cindi Kaup, Natalie Carrigan, Ryan Keller

## 2.0 **ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Eckenrode to remove item 8.0 *Consideration of Interdistrict Transfer Appeals* from the agenda due to the appeal being withdrawn by the parents of the students. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Eckenrode, McMahon, Rocker Heppe, Siekmann

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Scott

## 3.0 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment.

## 4.0 **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Board is asked to receive/approve these routine items.

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/Siekmann to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Eckenrode, McMahon, Rocker Heppe, Siekmann

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Scott

Action was taken on the following consent items:

- (4.1) Approve Minutes – April 20, 2022, Special and Regular Meeting
- (4.2) Approve Monthly Remuneration

## 5.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

The Board is asked to receive/discuss/take action on the following items.

- (5.1) Intent to Apply for the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Program Grant

Superintendent Davies-Hughes informed the Board that the grant application was due prior to the Board meeting and that the application was submitted. Assistant Superintendent Smart expressed gratitude for lead grant writer Meg Walkley. Smart explained the \$2 million dollar, 5-year grant involves 6 counties and 19 federally recognized tribes and is in partnership with the University of San Francisco. The goal of the grant is to expand current services and fill in gaps.

It was moved/seconded Eckenrode/Siekmann by to approve the intent to apply for the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Program Grant. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Eckenrode, McMahon, Siekmann  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: Rocker Heppe  
ABSENT: Scott

## 6.0 **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS**

The Board is asked to receive/discuss; however, the Board may decide to take action at their discretion.

- (6.1) Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Davies-Hughes highlighted the recent award ceremonies and events that have returned to in-person for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic including the Excellence in Teaching Awards and Jean Olson Award Ceremony, the ACSA Classified Appreciation Breakfast, and Humboldt County Classified Employee of the Year. Trudi Walsh, School Secretary for Scotia was one of only 9 classified employees selected for recognition from the state of California. Events for students included the Seal of Biliteracy Award celebrating over 100 students and a career fair at St Bernard's Academy.

Davies-Hughes provided personnel updates on Agnes J. Johnson (AJJ) Charter School and Loleta Union School District. Jeff Landry was announced as the new director of AJJ Charter School. The new Superintendent of Loleta was selected and will be announced during an upcoming Loleta Board meeting.

Davies-Hughes shared an update on the Samoa Beach Academy (SBA) Charter Petition. The SBA petitioners appealed the Northern Humboldt Union High School District and Humboldt County Board of Education denials. The appeal will initially be heard by the Advisory Committee on Charter Schools in Sacramento next week. Legal Counsel, Davies-Hughes, and Northern Humboldt Superintendent Roger Macdonald, will attend. This is a screening and then a determination will be made if this will go to the State Board of Education.

Davies-Hughes stated that HCOE programs, Court and Community Schools, Glen Paul School, and Special Beginnings are preparing for summer school and extended school year.

(6.2) Presentation of the Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) Implementation Plan

Cindi Kaup shared a presentation of the plan. The new bill expands transitional kindergarten (TK) to all 4-year old children. Kaup further highlighted the requirements that must be met with the new bill. Kaup shared how HCOE is supporting LEAS with TK expansion.

(6.3) Review Updates to the HCOE Library Plan and Receive the HERC 2021 – 2022 Report

Ryan Keller shared an update to the 2019 Library Plan. Highlights included the distribution of thousands of books to local students via a grant secured by Greg Gardner of Toys for Tots and the Children’s Author Festival being scheduled for October 2022. Keller further stated that the HERC Library contracted with 52 schools, serving over 7000 students.

**7.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS**

There were no Board member announcements.

**8.0 CONSIDERATION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST APPEALS**

The Board took action to remove this item from the agenda during the adjustment of the agenda.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

President McMahon adjourned the meeting at 4:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



[Michael Davies-Hughes \(Aug 23, 2022 17:45 PDT\)](#)

Michael Davies-Hughes, Superintendent of Schools

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